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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Minoru Usui, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2863

Application No.: 09/312,073

Examiner: Michael P. Nghiem

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For: **INK CARTRIDGE FOR INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS**

Date: January 12, 2005

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent).

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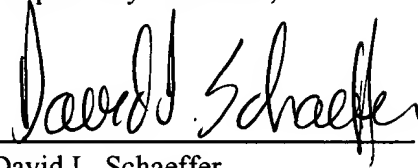
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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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